

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-105-C - ORDER NO. 1999-242

APRIL 2, 1999

IN RE: Joint Petition of SmarTalk Teleservices, Inc.,)	ORDER GRANTING
AT&T Corporation and AT&T)	JOINT PETITION AND
Communications of the Southern States, Inc.)	APPROVING TARIFF
for Approval of the Transfer of Certain Assets)	
by SmarTalk to AT&T.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Joint Petition of SmarTalk Teleservices, Inc. (SmarTalk), AT&T Corporation (AT&T), and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&TCSS) (collectively, the companies), for approval of the transfer of certain assets from SmarTalk to AT&T. Pursuant to the terms of an Agreement, AT&T will accept responsibility to fulfill outstanding obligations owed by SmarTalk to customers holding prepaid SmarTalk calling cards and prepaid SmarTalk cellular telephones. All SmarTalk service obligations to South Carolina customers assumed by AT&T will be fulfilled by AT&TCSS. The closing of this transaction is expressly conditioned upon approval by the Bankruptcy Court.

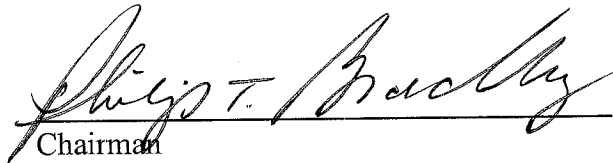
Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the matter was noticed one time in a newspaper of general circulation. The Notice of Filing informed potential participants of a method by which they might participate. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

Accordingly, the companies request expedited review of the matter, and have submitted the verified testimony of Richard Guepe, which attests to the matters noted in the Joint Petition. We grant expedited consideration and hold that the Commission meeting of March 30, 1999 constitutes the “due hearing” required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310.

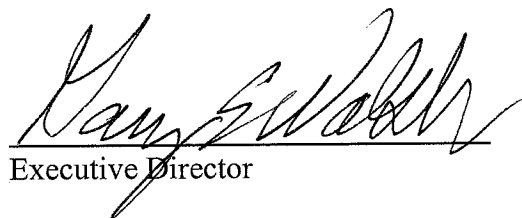
It appears that the granting of the Joint Petition is in the public interest, in that SmarTalk customers will be able to have their debit cards honored by AT&T. We hereby grant the Petition for transfer of assets as requested. We also hereby approve the new submitted tariff, which shall be effective March 31, 1999.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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